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SUBJECT: SWEDEN PROPOSES INCLUDING AVIATION ACTIVITIES IN
EMISSIONS TRADING SCHEME

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11. Sweden presented a proposal on February 23 that includes aviation activities in the Emissions Trading Scheme beginning 12012. Swedish Minister for the Environment Anders Carlgren told journalists that "air transport must bear its own environmental costs" like other modes of transport. He commented that this is an important step toward making polluters pay, and that it will spur the development of new technology and fuels that will ensure that the aviation industry adapts to climate and environmental conditions.

12. Carlgren stated that the proposal will apply to flights to and from airports on EU territory and will require airlines to monitor carbon dioxide emissions that come under the trading scheme. He also said that airlines will be required to report annually the emission allowances that cover their actual emissions, as well as present plans detailing how they will monitor and report emissions. Emissions monitoring will commence in 2010, and emissions allowances will be allocated free of charge and by auction once an application has been received. Certain airlines with "limited operations" in the EU and sport aviation activities are not covered by this proposal.

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